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SUBJ: AGREEMENT REACHED BY PAPERWORKERS AT BOWATERS-
MERSEY NOVA SCOTIA PLANT

1. REPRESENTATIVES OF BOWATERS-MERSEY CO OF QUEENS COUNTY, NOVA SCOTIA AND CANADIAN PAPERWORKERS REACHED AN AGREEMENT FEBRUARY 9 WHICH 450 UNION MEMBERS WILL VOTE ON TODAY. AGREEMENT COVERING THREE YEAR PERIOD WOULD GIVE PAPERWORKERS 14 PERCENT INCREASE FIRST YEAR, TEN PERCENT SECOND YEAR AND EIGHT PERCENT HIRD YEAR(WHICH SUBSTANTIALLY SAME TERMS AS THOSE REACHED AT BOWATER PLANT IN NEWFOUNDLAND ON FEBRUARY 8). IF RATIFIED, OUTCOME LIKELY TO AFFECT STRIKES AT TWO OTHER NOVA SCOTIA PAPER PLANTS - NOVA SCOTIA FOREST INDUSTRIES AND SCOTT MARITIME PULP LTD.

2. CONGEN UNDERSTANDS ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR DONALD TANSLEY HOLDING DISCUSSIONS WITH IRVING PLANT IN NEW BRUNSWICK ON FEB 10 TO TRY TO BRING ABOUT COMPLAANCE WITH ANTI-INFLATION BOARD S RECOMMENDATION. (IRVING HAS AGREED TO GIVE WORKERS 23.8 PERCENT FIRST YEAR OF TWO YEAR CONTRACH WHICH REJECTED BY BOARD.) SETTLEMENT OF NOVA SCOTIA STRIKES LIKELY TO HAVE EFFECT ON IRVING NEGOTIATIONS.
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